

NEWS RELEASE**Milk Production
July 17, 2002****NORTH DAKOTA MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 10 PERCENT****North Dakota**

North Dakota milk production in the April-June 2002 quarter was down 10 percent from the same quarter a year ago, but up 3 percent from the January-March 2002 quarter, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Total milk production, at 152 million pounds for the April-June quarter, was down from 168 million pounds for the same quarter a year ago, but up from the January-March 2002 quarter of 148 million pounds. The average number of milk cows decreased 6,000 head from last year to 40,000. Milk produced per cow during the quarter, at 3,800 pounds, was up from 3,650 pounds for the April-June quarter a year ago and up from 3,600 pounds during the January-March 2002 quarter.

United States

The quarterly production of milk for the U.S. was 44.0 billion pounds, 3 percent above the April-June period last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the April-June quarter was 9.15 million head, 33,000 head more than the same period last year. Milk produced per cow during the quarter, at 4,805 pounds, was up from 4,683 pounds during the same period last year.

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MILK PRODUCTION APR-JUNE QUARTER

STATE	MILK COWS ^{1/}		MILK PRODUCTION ^{2/}		Change from 2001
	2001	2002	2001	2002	
	-- Thousand Head --		-- Million Pounds --		(%)
N.D.	46	40	168	152	-9.5
Calif.	1,582	1,640	8,462	8,940	5.6
Minn.	513	490	2,302	2,215	-3.8
N.Y.	672	680	3,011	3,176	5.5
Wisc.	1,293	1,272	5,755	5,675	-1.4
U.S.	9,114	9,147	42,681	43,950	3.0

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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